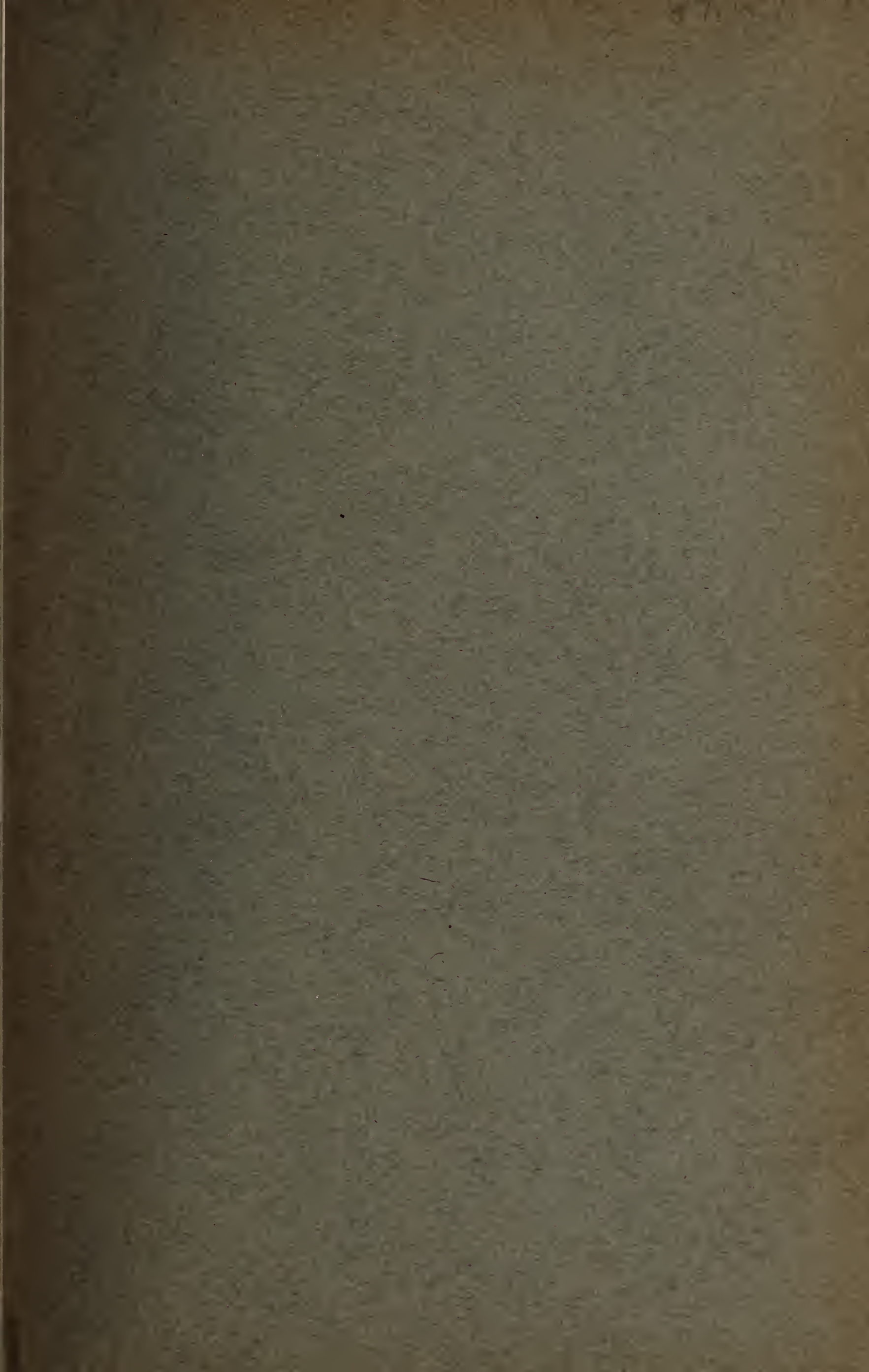
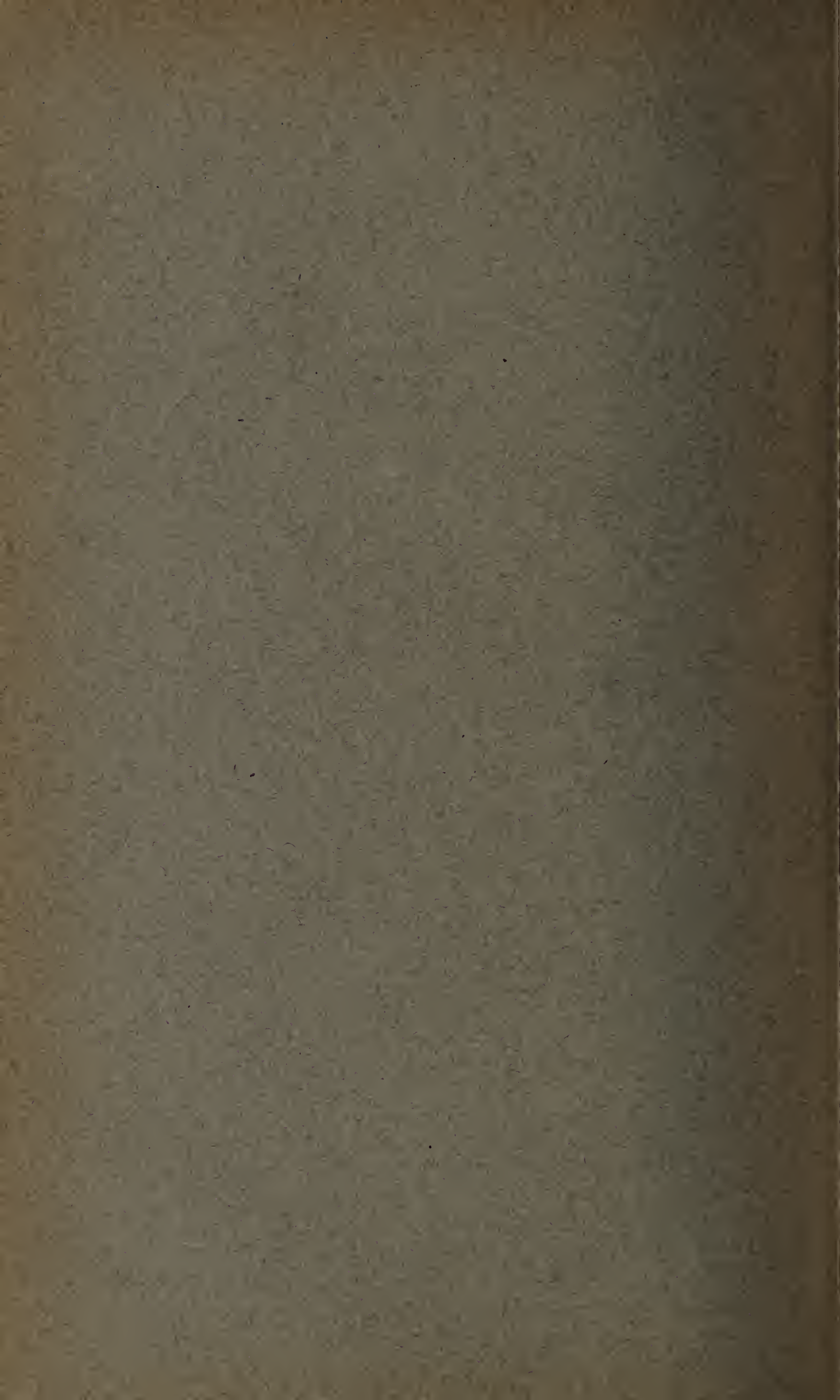


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CITY OF BOSTON,
INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, February 1, 1913.

HON. JOHN F. FITZGERALD,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR,— The sixteenth annual report of the Institutions Registration Department for the year ending January 31, 1913, is herewith respectfully submitted.

There have been no changes in the force employed in the department, which consists of eleven persons and two examining physicians.

COMMITMENT OF INSANE.

On June 24, 1912, a new institution, known as the Psychopathic Department of the Boston State Hospital, was opened. This institution, commonly called the Psychopathic Hospital, is located at 74 Fenwood road. It has been our policy to commit all persons to this hospital who have resided in Boston five years prior to their commitment, instead of sending them to the main hospital as formerly. Exceptions are occasionally made when relatives of patients live in the vicinity of the main hospital and for that reason prefer to have the patient sent to that hospital.

Commitments of insane were as follows:

Boston State Hospital	612
Danvers State Hospital	31
Westborough State Hospital	121
Taunton State Hospital	69
Worcester State Hospital	33
Monson State Hospital	13
Total	<u>879</u>

During the year 660 persons were sent to the Psychopathic Hospital, as follows:

Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 43, for observation	19
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 34, on warrant	9
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 44, temporary care	2
Chapter 395, Acts of 1911, temporary care	263
Chapter 307, Acts of 1910, sent by police	367
Total	<u>660</u>

Of the above number 375 were afterwards committed to the various hospitals.

Of the 19 committed for observation, 10 were afterwards committed as insane.

The commitments to the Monson State Hospital of dangerous epileptics numbered 4.

The admission of sane epileptic patients to the Monson State Hospital numbered 27.

The commitments to Foxborough State Hospital numbered 28. Of this number 22 were committed as inebriates and 6 as drug users.

When commitment is unnecessary patients are sent as voluntary patients by Dr. John A. Horgan of the Foxborough State Hospital.

The commitments of female inebriates numbered 21, drug users 4.

TOTAL COMMITMENTS.

Insane	879
Observation	19
Dangerous epileptics	4
Inebriates	43
Drug users	10
Total	<u>955</u>

There were sent to the Relief Station, Haymarket square, 85 persons suffering with delirium tremens.

The examining physicians of the department made 1,073 medical examinations during the year.

ADMISSIONS TO ALMSHOUSES.

The department in addition to its other duties receives and investigates all applications for admission to almshouses.

Persons were sent to the institutions as follows:

State Infirmary	2,081
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island	1,429
Almshouse, Charlestown	65
Total	<u>3,575</u>

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The physicians attached to this department for the examination of insane are Dr. Charles G. Dewey and Dr. William H. Prescott.

Office, 28 Court square. Hours, 10.30 to 12 o'clock.

Doctor Dewey's home address, 44 Alban street, Dorchester. Telephone, Dorchester 201.

Doctor Prescott's home address, 330 Hyde Park avenue, Jamaica Plain. Telephone, Jamaica 1370.

Application for commitment of insane is made by an official of this department to the judges of the Probate Court.

The law relating to the commitment of the insane is contained in chapter 504, Acts of 1909.

Patients are sent to the following public hospitals: Boston State Hospital, Worcester State Hospital, Taunton State Hospital, Danvers State Hospital, Westborough State Hospital, Foxborough State Hospital and Monson State Hospital.

Foxborough State Hospital is for dipsomaniacs or inebriates, and those who are so addicted to the intemperate use of narcotics or stimulants as to have lost the power of self-control.

Monson State Hospital is for epileptic patients, sane and insane.

Before sending a patient to a private hospital arrangements should be made with that hospital for receiving the patient.

Patients are sent to the Boston State Hospital according to the following rules made by the State Board of Insanity:

First.— Only those patients who have been residents of Boston for five years or more, and of such persons only those who have relatives actively interested in them and who will visit them frequently.

Second.— Other insane persons, only in emergency, whose condition does not permit the delay and exhaustion incident to commitment to a distant state hospital.

The question of payment of patient's board has no bearing on this rule.

No person shall be committed to a hospital for the insane, public or private, unless he has been an inhabitant of the Commonwealth for six months immediately preceding the application for commitment, or provision has been made for his maintenance satisfactory to the State Board of Insanity, or by reason of insanity he would be dangerous if at large.

Commitment forms may be had by applying at the office of the Institutions Registration Department, 28 Court square, or at the office of the State Board of Insanity, Room 36, State House.

Hearings for commitment of insane are held by the judges of the Probate Court, Courthouse, Pemberton square, at twelve o'clock every day except Saturday and legal holidays.

This rule may be somewhat modified during the months of July and August, vacation time.

When application for commitment is made it is desirable that the committing physician notify a relative of the patient (the nearest one when possible) to apply at the office of the Institutions Registration Department in order to give the necessary information required.

Arrangement for payment of board should be made with the superintendent of the hospital to which the patient is sent.

In order to be committed to a hospital for the insane the patient must reside or be in this county.

When a woman is sent to a hospital, unless accompanied by her father, husband, brother or son, one of the attendants accompanying her must be a woman.

Patients are taken to the hospitals by an official designated for that purpose, and they are taken in such a manner as to avoid all publicity.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The total amount of the appropriation was \$22,250;
amount expended, \$22,245.05.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES F. GAYNOR,
Institutions Registrar.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR:

Salaries	\$15,137 41
Medical attendance	3,468 00
Transportation	1,102 85
Horse keeping	1,783 36
Printing	129 73
Office expenses	67 00
Postage	45 00
Telephone	255 17
Food	37 30
Stationery	75 42
Newspapers, etc.	10 65
Messenger service	15 35
Car fare	106 46
Miscellaneous	11 35
Total	<u>\$22,245 05</u>

Investigations of Settlements, etc., Medical Examinations and Commitments of Insane, Epileptics and Inebriates, Admissions to Almshouses, 1912-13.

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	13.....	18	49	37	1	87	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	116	141
	20.....	21	47	28	1	76	2	14	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	31	120	142
August	27.....	18	45	21	2	68	1	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	89	127
	3.....	18	44	29	3	76	...	11	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	14	101	136
	10.....	12	27	24	...	51	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	73	104
	17.....	18	37	21	1	59	...	11	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	83	128
	24.....	14	36	27	1	64	...	13	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	15	92	131
September	31.....	19	37	18	...	55	...	13	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	14	82	112
	7.....	25	26	19	2	47	4	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	76	104
	14.....	17	32	25	...	57	1	13	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	19	90	132
	21.....	32	42	22	2	66	...	19	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	19	104	140
	28.....	17	24	23	...	47	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	78	119
October	5.....	24	32	26	1	59	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	93	124
	12.....	25	27	27	2	56	4	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	87	116
	19.....	21	39	21	1	61	4	11	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	89	132
	26.....	24	28	36	3	67	4	10	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	18	99	134
November	2.....	27	27	27	...	54	...	20	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	16	90	131
	9.....	25	38	45	2	85	2	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	115	152
	16.....	22	30	35	1	66	2	16	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	21	104	134
	23.....	31	44	26	1	71	4	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	123	152
	30.....	28	54	28	1	83	3	20	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	20	126	162
December	7.....	23	18	30	1	49	1	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	90	109
	14.....	23	73	36	2	111	2	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	141	182
	21.....	17	31	25	1	57	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	89	134
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	11.....	23	54	34	2	90	1	12	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	116	152
	18.....	25	40	33	...	73	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	118	167
	25.....	28	33	19	1	53	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	29	97	138
	31.....	14	48	28	1	77	1	16	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	25	119	134
Totals.....		1,073	2,081	1,429	65	3,575	85	660	612	31	121	69	33	28	13	907	5,227	7,095



